



Sophia Pinacortez <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>

Re: Park not opened at 8:10 am Today Tuesday November 28**CRAIG SILVA** <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Dec 1, 2017 at 8:00 /

To: Torres Albert <albert.torres@lacity.org>

Cc: Jose Monge <jose.monge@lacity.org>, Juan Benitez <juan.benitez@lacity.org>, Anthony Bagnerise <ANTHONY.BAGNERISE@lacity.org>, Catherine Landers <catherine.landiers@lacity.org>, Javier Solis <javier.solis@lacity.org>, Jordan Paul <32285@lapd.online>, Stefanie Smith <stefanie.smith@lacity.org>, "Debbie.Wehbe" <[REDACTED]>, Ramona Solorzano <ramona.solorzano@lacity.org>, Pina Sophie <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>

Thank you Albert, much much appreciated.

On Dec 1, 2017, at 7:57 AM, Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org> wrote:

Craig,

I am sure that will get on board with training about this.

We happened to patrol last night at about 6pm to check for homeless people camping. The park was clear, saving one person walking her dog. We did not check the gate. We will from now on. Doesn't take but a minute.

Albert Torres

Captain

Park Rangers

Albert.Torres@lacity.org

Dispatch 323 644-6661

On Fri, Dec 1, 2017 at 7:35 AM, CRAIG DESILVA <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning , the gates are still not being locked open in the morning .

Here is how the morning opener left the gate yesterday and today! On both mornings , I walked across to the park from my home to take the hanging chain you see in both photos and lock it open.

It took months to get this simple chain welded to the fence so the gate would be locked open all day/night until close of the park in the evening. Again, this was done to ensure our handicap residents as well as Moms & Children when put in a compromised circumstance in the park , could exit. This otherwise could result in a city liability as it leaves room for a serious issue, ie, someone having a health issue and. It being able to get out, handicap people not being able to enter and exit the park in their wheelchairs, and of course , should a criminal offense on a patron happen, there's no way for the Patron to easily exit the park for help when individuals shut the gate for their own personal desires and purposes.

Please advise your opener to ALWAYS lock the chain side gate OPEN in the morning. The evening crew has been doing a good job consistently closing the park as instructed

Thanks you

<image1.jpeg>

<image2.jpeg>

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 28, 2017, at 11:16 AM, Jose Monge <jose.monge@lacity.org> wrote:

Will do, thanks.

Jose Monge

Park Maintenance Supervisor

MacArthur District

[323-664-1407](tel:323-664-1407)

On Tue, Nov 28, 2017 at 10:59 AM, Juan Benitez <juan.benitez@lacity.org> wrote:

Jose,

Please make the required adjustments to the maintenance route including the gate unlocking as needed.

Thank you!

On Nov 28, 2017 10:57 AM, "Jose Monge" <jose.monge@lacity.org> wrote:

Good morning,

First of all, I apologize for the inconvenience.

Unfortunately, the person on site is sick. Therefore, I've instructed my routing crew to open up the gates and clean the park as well. They were cleaning other facilities as part of their routine, unfortunately, they arrived at De Longpre Park around 8:14am I'll make sure that staff open up De Longpre Park as soon as possible.

Thank you

Jose Monge

Park Maintenance Supervisor

MacArthur District

[323-664-1407](tel:323-664-1407)

On Tue, Nov 28, 2017 at 9:21 AM, Juan Benitez <juan.benitez@lacity.org> wrote:

Jose,

please investigate and report back. Thank you!

On Tue, Nov 28, 2017 at 9:03 AM, Sophia Pinacortez <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org> wrote:

Do you know who is responsible for opening these gates ?

spc :-)

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 28, 2017, at 8:14 AM, CRAIG DESILVA <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Everyone,

It's 8:10 am and De Longpre Park is still not open! This is the 2nd day in a row!
More importantly there is a transient homeless guy that was locked in the park at closing last night at 9:30 PM!
What is going on?

Craig DeSilva
De Longpre Park Neighborhood Alliance

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 25, 2017, at 4:15 PM, Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org> wrote:

Our LAPD SSD folks report encampments as follows.

The homeless have an encampment on Pine and Cherokee or both corners of the park. from my iPhone

We will handle asap.

Albert Torres
Captain
Park Rangers
[323 644-6661](tel:323-644-6661)

On Nov 25, 2017, at 1:12 PM, CRAIG DESILVA <[REDACTED]> wrote:

First a thank you again to all who handled the lights being fixed in De longpre park, and for the night ranger who is always consistent in closing the park by 10:30 pm nightly.
Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving.

Please remind the opening staff that the chain to the right gate must be secured open by locking the lock onto the welded stabilizing chain hanging from the Park wrought iron fence.

Today it was not open.

There is a resident that lives on Cherokee who somehow has a key to the gate , If you would like to call to discuss this as he also could be The culprit, let me know.

I am going to peruse this further as it effects all the struggle we went through to keep the gates from being closed by dog owners who have no regard for the handicap neighbors inability to get in and out of the park if they are constantly shut by people refusing to accept this is not a designated dog park. Again, this could easily become a cory liability if someone is handicapped or in danger inside the park as. Cannot get out in time.

With appreciation,
Craig

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 11:09 AM, Sophia Pinacortez <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org> wrote:

Gobble, gobble !!!
spc :-)

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2017, at 11:27 PM, CRAIG DESILVA <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you Sophia, all seems to be running smoothly and the lights appeared to come on in time .

Thanks to everyone for helping to make this happen. It takes a village.

Craig

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2017, at 8:44 PM, Sophia Pinacortez <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org> wrote:

FYI : LAPD does gate closure and officers have been briefed .

spc:-)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: James Onthank <31513@lapd.online>
Date: November 20, 2017 at 7:27:32 PM PST
To: Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org>, Richard Musquiz <47013@lapd.online>, Sophia Pinacortez <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>
Cc: Edward Petterez <34154@lapd.online>, Raymond Lucas <41888@lapd.online>, Emilio Zacarias <n4903@lapd.online>, "jose.monge@lacity.org" <jose.monge@lacity.org>, Ronald Drones <n4778@lapd.online>, John Valdez <30070@lapd.online>, Lee Perry <34733@lapd.online>
Subject: Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!

The officers were briefed at roll call and will focus on this issue.

From: Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 6:42 PM
To: Richard Musquiz; Sophia Pinacortez
Cc: Edward Petterez; Raymond Lucas; Emilio Zacarias; jose.monge@lacity.org; Ronald Drones; John Valdez; James Onthank; Lee Perry
Subject: Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!

Richard, Sophia,

I recovered the attached photo from this email thread. Clearly a person in a blanket or sleeping bag.

Albert Torres

Captain
Park Rangers
Albert.Torres@lacity.org
Dispatch 323 644-6661

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 12:54 PM,
Richard Musquiz <47013@lapd.online>
wrote:

Hi Sophia,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention, I have included Lt. Raymond Lucas and the other supervisors on our night watch that oversee the officers on the Gate Closure program. As for locking individual in the park after securing the gates, can you send me the photos that were mentioned in the emails.

Thanks
Rich

Richard Musquiz, Captain
Security Services Division
Los Angeles Police Department
[201 N. Los Angeles St. Suite # 2](#)
Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-978-4660 Office
Richard.musquiz@lapd.online

-----Original Message-----

From: Sophia Pinacortez
[mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org]
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 8:27 AM
To: Edward Petterez <34154@lapd.online>
Cc: jose.monge@lacity.org; Richard Musquiz <47013@lapd.online>; Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!

These Neighbors are on us about the gate closure at Delonge Park .
We need to make sure they are getting closed on time .
We are bring watched .
Much Appreciated !
Gobble , gobble !
spc :-)

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 19, 2017, at 7:15 AM, Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org> wrote:

>
> SSD LAPD closes. I notified their watch commander Mendoza and asked
> that the message be delivered to the closure supervisor Zacarias.
> Will follow up.

>
> Sent from my iPhone

>
> Albert Torres
> Captain
> Park Rangers
> [323 644-6661](tel:323-644-6661)

>> On Nov 18, 2017, at 9:39 PM, Sophia Pinacortez
<sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org> wrote:

>>
>> Who closed the gates ???
>> spc :-)

>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> Begin forwarded message:

>> *From:* CRAIG DESILVA
>> [REDACTED]
>> *To:* Sophia Pinacortez
<sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>
>> *Cc:* Frank Avila
<frank.avila@lacity.org>, Darryl Mack <
>> darryl.mack@lacity.org>, Torres
Albert <albert.torres@lacity.org>,
>> Jose Monge
<jose.monge@lacity.org>, Juan Benitez
>> <juan.benitez@lacity.org>, Catherine
Landers
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Halden <
>> daniel.halden@lacity.org>, debbie
Wehbe [REDACTED],
>> Ferris Wehbe
<ferriswehbe@gmail.com>, Monica
Carrera David &
>> [REDACTED], Jordan
Paul <32285@lapd.online>, Ramon
>> Barajas <ramon.barajas@lacity.org>
>> *Subject:* *Re: NO PARK LIGHTS
ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A
ROW!!*


>>
>> Thank you all. Also, to make you
aware , whomever your staff is who's
>> locking the Park at night, they are
periodically locking transients
>> inside, see picture I took this morning
while De Longpre Park was
>> still locked up from last night. This is a
liability for the city ,
>> so we have to be sure everyone has
exited when locking up the park at night.

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>> [image: image1.JPG]
>> Thank you .

>>
>> Regards,
>> Craig D

>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood Alliance
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>> On Nov 16, 2017, at 5:49 PM, Sophia Pinacortez
>> <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>
>> wrote:
>>
>> Hi Frank/ Darryl :
>> As of 5:33pm the light are not on .
>> Can you please have the timer reset to 5 pm -6:30 am ?
>> Thanks ,
>> spc :-)
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Nov 15, 2017, at 8:22 AM, Sophia Pinacortez
>> <sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>
>> wrote:
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>> Thank You 😊
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Nov 15, 2017, at 6:32 AM, Frank Avila <frank.avila@lacity.org> wrote:
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>> Good morning,
>>
>> The timer was replaced by RAP Electrician and programmed for the
>> hours of 5 pm until 730 am. We'll double check operation today.
>>
>> Thank you
>>
>> On Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 5:51 PM, Sophia Pinacortez <
>> sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org> wrote:
>>
>>> UPDATE :
>>> The lights went on (Thank You)
>>> however is it possible to have the
>>> timer changed to 5 pm ?
>>> The children are walking home from practice in the dark .
>>> Much Appreciated ,
>>> spc :-)
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 5:30 PM, CRAIG SILVA <[REDACTED]>
>>> wrote:
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>>> Also, we need a contact number for you all.
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>>> Craig-[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
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>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 5:26 PM, CRAIG SILVA <[REDACTED]>
>>> wrote:
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>>> Sophia, Albert, Juan,
>>>
>>> As per your request to let you know Sophia, there are NO lights on
>>> and it is Pitch black here at 5:30. What is the issue now? What time
>>> is the timer set for?
>>>
>>> I would like you guys to meet me at the Park tomorrow. I will take
>>> time out of my work day to

accommodate you, this as you imagine is
>>> frustrating, but it CANNOT go 1
more day without lighting, This is
>>> an invite for serious Crime.
>>>
>>> Frustrated
>>> Craig
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>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 11:23 AM,
Sophia Pinacortez <
>>> sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>
wrote:
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>>> Hello Craig :
>>>
>>> As Albert indicated the electricians
should be going out today
>>> however if for any unknown reason
the lights do not go on PLEASE let us
know.
>>>
>>> Warm regards 💡 ,
>>> spc :-)
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>>>> On Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 9:26 AM,
CRAIG SILVA [REDACTED] >
wrote:
>>>>
>>>> Sophia,
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>>>> Thank you for your prompt
response to this matter, I am
>>>> respectfully appreciative to all of
your department colleagues for
>>>> their immediate response and
attention to this matter as well and for
this prompt solution.
>>>>
>>>> I look forward to seeing the results
this evening.
>>>>
>>>> With Appreciation,
>>>>
>>>> Craig DeSilva
>>>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood
Alliance
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>>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 6:15 AM,
Sophia Pinacortez <
>>>> sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org>
wrote:
>>>>
>>>> Albert and Jose :
>>>> Your personal efforts and follow up
are appreciated!
>>>> Craig :
>>>> Teamwork makes things happen.
>>>> Thank You for being our extra pair
of eyes !
>>>> spc :-)
>>>>
>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>> On Nov 13, 2017, at 10:16 PM,
CRAIG DESILVA
[REDACTED] > wrote:
>>>>
>>>> And an apology to you Jose , I see
you sent me an email at 10 am
>>>> this morning that I missed saying
you would check into this. I do
>>>> appreciate knowing you
responded, only sorry I hadn't seen it.
>>>>
>>>> None the less, I had hoped the
situation would have been rectified

>>>> by this evening being so many days without.
>>>>
>>>> In the end, it appears Albert, & Yourself as well as the Parks and
>>>> Rec team seem to have it in order.
>>>>
>>>> Thank you , will keep an eye out for lights to be on tomorrow evening .
>>>>
>>>> Craig
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>> On Nov 13, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Albert Torres
>>>> <albert.torres@lacity.org>
>>>> wrote:
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>>>> Craig,
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>>>> I'll check on the work order to return the park lights back on,
>>>> first thing in the morning. Your writing sparks memories of the
>>>> Hollywood Sentinels, an incredible group under the leadership of
>>>> Virginia Sharon, Thanks for letting us know.
>>>>
>>>> Albert
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>>>> *Albert Torres*Captain
>>>> Park Rangers
>>>> Albert.Torres@lacity.org
>>>> Dispatch [323 644-6661](tel:3236446661)
>>>> <(323)%20644-6661>
>>>>
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>>>> On Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 7:39 PM, CRAIG SILVA <>
>>>> wrote:
>>>>
>>>>> Dear Albert, Sophia, Juan,
>>>>>
>>>>> I sent an email out last week to both Catherine Landers and to
>>>>> Jose Monge regarding the upcoming Holiday weekend and the
>>>>> NEED to
>>>>> get the De Longpre Park Lights turned back ON!
>>>>>
>>>>> To no avail did I get a response from either Catherine Landers, or
>>>>> Jose Monge, however at least Jose had spoken to me the first time
>>>>> I called him more than a week and a half ago about the same issue,
>>>>> and then immediately corrected the issue.
>>>>>
>>>>> By end of last week, we were back to having NO LIGHTS in De
>>>>> Longpre Park. THIS IS NOT OK. This time, no response from Jose
>>>>> either, so I assumed this was being put to the side, hence this
>>>>> additional email to you 3, Albert, Sophia, and Juan, and all CC'd.
>>>>>
>>>>> The Park had been deemed a Priority Park quite some time ago due
>>>>> to drug activity, (Use and Sale of), Street worker activity, (
>>>>> hookers both straight and Trans), and a plethora of other issues
>>>>> including assaults and vandalism of residents cars around the

>>>>> park. Not addressing a safety
issue such as security lighting,
>>>>> etc. in a Public City Park being
kept open til
>>>>> 10:30 PM 7 days a week, is a
MAJOR CITY LIABILITY!
>>>>> Ask the LAPD, Paul Jordan is
copied on this email as he is on all
>>>>> my emails of this nature, because
he works Tirelessly on keeping
>>>>> the Park and the neighborhood
safe and as Crime Free as possible
>>>>> all day long during his shifts. .
>>>>>
>>>>> I spent many years participating
in CPAB meetings as the CHNC C0
>>>>> Chair of Public Safety, and I can
near to guarantee this will be a
>>>>> bigger issue if not addressed
immediately, tomorrow by the latest.
>>>>>
>>>>> If Jose Monge was able to get it
done the first time the lights
>>>>> were not going on, what is the
issue now? The Field Deputy told a
>>>>> fellow constituent she was
handling it, did you people get an
>>>>> email or call from Catherine
Landers?
>>>>>
>>>>> Catherine, did you call or email
them?
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> In the Last 4 days, I have seen a
resurgence of Condoms and
>>>>> Condom wrappers around the
parameter of the park that I have
>>>>> cleaned up, and more trash than
I usually pick up daily, (
>>>>> remember folks, there are 3
schools within the immediate area, a
>>>>> daycare directly across from the
Park on June, etc. etc.).
>>>>>
>>>>> Need I say more about the
DANGER of this activity reemerging after
>>>>> years and years of hard work by
people like myself, The Carrera's
>>>>> The Wehbe's , Paul Jordan
Beatrice Girmala, etc. etc.
>>>>> We the stakeholders all do this in
addition to our own careers,
>>>>> taking care of our families, etc.
>>>>>
>>>>> If Catherine Landers told a fellow
constituent " She was on it"
>>>>> this morning, then Why wasn't it
fixed today? Yet here we are on
>>>>> day 5 of NO LIGHTS ON IN THE
PARK In the evening. By no action
>>>>> being taken for 5 days there is a
message being rapidly sent to
>>>>> the transient community that this
is a sure bet area to get away with
Crime.
>>>>>
>>>>> We the community are all
frustrated and disappointed that this is
>>>>> how we are spending our down
time after a hefty work day Please
>>>>> respond in timely manner.
>>>>>
>>>>> Respectfully and with regard,
>>>>>
>>>>> Craig DeSilva & Fellow
Stakeholders/ community members.
>>>>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood
Alliance.
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>> --
>> Frank Avila
>> Construction & Maintenance
Supervisor II Construction Division
>> City of Los Angeles / Recreation

12/24/2018

City of Los Angeles Mail - Re: Park not opened at 8:10 am Today Tuesday November 28

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